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S. 431

To amend the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. EXON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To amend the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND REFERENCE.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Vehicle Damage Disclosure Act of 1993”.

6 (b) REFERENCE.—Whenever in this Act an amend-
7 ment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment
8 to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference
9 shall be considered to be made to a section or other provi-
10 sion of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings
11 Act.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 Section 401 (49 U.S.C. 1981) is amended—

3 (1) by inserting after “reliability;” the follow-
4 ing: “that a designation by a State on the title that
5 such vehicle has previously sustained major damage
6 or has been rebuilt after being declared ‘junk’ or
7 ‘salvage’ is an important factor in evaluating the
8 value and safety of such automobile;”, and

9 (2) by inserting before the period the following:
10 “or vehicles for which States have previously issued
11 a title brand indicating prior severe damage”.

12 **SEC. 3. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS UPON TRANSFER OF**
13 **OWNERSHIP OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

14 Section 408 (49 U.S.C. 1988) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a) by inserting “on the title”
16 after “disclosure”, and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(h)(1) Any motor vehicle the ownership of which is
19 transferred may not be licensed for use in any State unless
20 the State discloses on the title whether records readily ac-
21 cessible to it indicate—

22 “(A) whether the vehicle was previously issued
23 a title that bore any word or symbol signifying that
24 the vehicle was ‘salvage’, ‘junk’, ‘reconstructed’, or
25 ‘rebuilt’ or that it has been damaged by flood, and

1 “(B) if it was issued such a title, which State
2 first issued such a title.

3 “(2) The Secretary shall—

4 “(A) not later than ninety days after the date
5 of the enactment of the Vehicle Damage Disclosure
6 Act of 1993, prescribe by rule the manner in which
7 a State shall disclose the information described in
8 paragraph (1)(A) and the manner in which such in-
9 formation shall be retained, and

10 “(B) not later than twelve months after the
11 date of the enactment of such Act, in consultation
12 with the task force established under section 140(a)
13 of the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992 (15 U.S.C. 2401
14 note), prescribe the manner in which and the cir-
15 cumstances under which States shall signify that a
16 vehicle has previously sustained major damage.”.

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